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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1140

C O N F I D E N T I A L LILONGWE 1280

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MI

SUBJECT: CONTINUED RELEASES OF POLITICAL DETAINEES

REF: LILONGWE 1231

1. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES WE HAVE LEARNED AN ADDITIONAL
SIZEABLE NUMBER OF POLITICAL DETAINEES HAS BEEN RELEASED.

2. SAME SOURCE AS REFTTEL NOW REPORTEDLY ESTIMATES
NUMBER REMAINING AT LESS THAN 60 WITH STILL MORE
SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED. REPORTEDLY INCLUDED AMONG
60 ARE SEVERAL WHO WERE IMPLICATED IN SERIES OF POLITICAL
MURDERS IN BLANTYRE AREA IN 1967 WHO NOW ARE TO BE
TRIED ON CRIMINAL CHARGES.

3. DE FACTO IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS PICTURE SUCH
THAT EMBASSY BELIEVES MAJOR REVISIONS IN PARM ACTION
RECOMMENDATIONS AND IN DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT REQUIRED
AND WILL SHORTLY PROPOSE SAME. IT IS OF INTEREST TO NOTE
THAT AMONG EDUCATED MALWIANS (PRINCIPALLY THE CIVIL
SERVANTS AND TEACHERS) CONSIDERABLE CREDIT IS GIVEN TO
PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS STAND AS HAVING INFLUENCED
DEVELOPMENTS HERE. COLLOQUIALLY, IN REFERRING TO THE
WELCOME CHANGES, THEY ARE USING THE TERM "NTAWE YA KAMTEDZA"
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WHICH LOOSELY TRANSLATES "NOW IS THE TIME OF HE WHO
LIKES PEANUTS" -- A FRIENDLY REFERENCE TO OUR PRESIDENT.

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